

City hosts world-class coin fair

By Roger Boye

At least 100 coin dealers from 10 nations will sell their wares later this week at the Chicago International Coin Fair, one of the country's largest annual shows devoted to foreign money.

The pros will set up shop from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Sunday in Columbus Hall of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 151 E. Wacker Dr.

Eight hobby organizations, including four Illinois-based clubs, will meet in the hotel on Saturday as part of the 13th annual fair. A list of times and locations will be available at the fair registration desk outside Columbus Hall in the hotel's East Tower.

Local collectors have organized a special program for persons under age 18 to begin at 3 p.m. Saturday. Among other things, the youngsters will be given play money to bid on numismatic items that have been donated by Chicago-area hobbyists.

Stack's, the large New York rare-coin company, will conduct a 1,700-lot auction, with sessions beginning at 7 p.m. Friday and 12:30 p.m. Saturday in Grand Ballroom F of the East Tower.

Admission is free to all fair activities and visitors are invited to attend any meeting or program.